

Andrew Jackson to Samuel Houston, February 15, 1827, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

Hermitage, February 15, 1827.

D'r Genl. You say you cannot find my letter to Mr. Monroe, of Febry. 13th 1815. the date is the 18th of Febry 1815. I it was wrote on the receipt of his Duplicate of the 10th of Decbr 1814, which was recd. at 9 oclock P.M. of the 18th and his of the 10th of Decbr 1814, was the first letter I had recd. from the Dept of War, from the time I left Mobile which was on the 22nd of Novbr. 1814. The original letter was placed into the hands of a Doctor Cousens who got as far as Nashville, and another Duplicate to the charge of Major F[I]ournoy, who did not Join me. if he did, it was not untill after the declaration of peace, altho, *all marked by express* . the one that reached me first, was placed in the hands of Lt. Smith of artillery. he took sick at Staunton Va, wrote and informed the Govr. of it, asked advise as to the despatches. he writes that he had recd. orders from the Dept. of date the 30th of Janry., to forward the despatches by express. I am thus explicit that you may examine for his letter to the Dept. and the letter of the Dept. to Lt. Smith of the 30th of January or of the 31st. Not having his

1 Vol. II., pp. 173–175.

letter before me, I cannot with positiveness say which, but I have Lt. Smiths letter on file, which I view a happy circumstance. My letter of the 18th of Febry was put into the post office by Colo. R. Butler, it must be there if not *burnt*